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SUBJ: RICHARDSON VISIT MEDIA COVERAGE

1. PORTUGUESE MEDIA CONDINUED TO GIVE WIDE COVERAGE TO
COMMERCE SECRETARY RICHARDSON VISIT. MAONG EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED
DECEMBER 2 AND 3 WERE THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO AMERICAN CLUB.
SAMPLE HEADLINES, COMMENTARIES FOLLOW:

2. "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" DECEMBER 3 CARRIED PHOTO COVERAGE
OF AMERICAN CLUG IN ARTICLE HEADLINED, "THE POSSIBLE
EXPANSION OF AMERICAN PARTICIPATION AT SINES STUDIED."
ARTICLE SUMMARIZED AMERICAN CLUB SPEECH, QUOTING
RICHARDSON CLOSING COMMENT, "IT IS NOT IMPERATIVE TO
SUBORDINATE OR SACRIFICE FREEDOM TO THE NECESSITIES OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ON THE CONTRARY, FREEDOM SHOULD
BE AT THE BASE OF ALL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS."

3. ALTHOUGH MOST PAPERS CARRIED STRAIGHTFORWARD COVERAGE
OF POSTPONEMENT OF PLANE TRIP TO SINES DUE TO BAD WEATHER
CONDITIONS, COMMUNIST DAILY "DIARIO DE LISBOA" DECEMBER 2
CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED, "BAD WEATHER' POSTPONED RICHARDSON
TRIP TO SINES". REFERRING TO NEWS THAT PLANE TRIP WAS
CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER, ARTICLE ENDED WITH COMMENT
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THAT THE ITEM "DID NOT SPECIFY IF THE VISITORS TRIED TO

MAKE THE TRIP BY CAR OR IF PERHAPS THERE TOO THEY WOULD
ENCOUNTER 'BAD WEATHER' ON LAND". THE EXPRESSION
"BAD WEATHER ON LAND" REFERS TO THE FACT THAT SINES IS
LOCATED IN AN AREA OF PORTUGAL WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION
OF COMMUNISTS.

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